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NON- FUNCTIONING OF MOBILE TOWER
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mobile towers installed in various parts of the country, particularly in rural areas of eastern Uttar Pradesh are not functioning as a result of which mobile phones are not working there;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to make the mobile towers functions and to increase the frequency of network in rural areas of the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) No, Sir. Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) based Cellular Mobile Telephone Service being provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is working satisfactorily in the country including Uttar Pradesh (East) Telecom Circle Service Area and is, in general, meeting the Quality of Service (QoS) parameters prescribed by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Cellular Mobile network of BSNL is being continuously optimized for its performance and monitoring of the network has been strengthened by BSNL to ensure performance as per the QoS parameters prescribed by TRAI. As on 28th February, 2007, around 27,261 number of Base Transceiver Station (BTS) Cellsites are working in the country out of which 2446 BTS Cellsites are working in Uttar Pradesh (East). Out of the said 27,261 BTS, 12,368 BTS Cellsites including 1158 Cellsites of UP(East) are working in rural areas. Presently, there is no constraints of spectrum (frequency) in the mobile operations of BSNL in rural areas of country including Uttar Pradesh (East) Licensed Service Area.